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SUBJ: SWAPO SPOKESMAN SAYS SWAPO AGREES TO ATTEND EARLY MEETING
WITH CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK

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1. PETER KATJAVIVI, SWAPO INFORMATION SECRETARY IN AN ARTICLE
IN THE JULY 24 SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA SAID AT THE OUTSET SWAPO
"HAS AGREED TO ATTEND AN EARLY MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH THE FIVE
WESTERN NATIONS NEGOTIATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE
OF NAMIBIA."

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2. IN THE BALANCE OF THE ARTICLE KATJAVIVI NOTED THAT ONE OF
SWAPO'S BASIC CONDITIONS IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
ARMY FROM NAMIBIAN SOIL, ARGUING THAT NAMIBIA IS NOT A COLONIAL
SITUATION, BUT ONE OF ILLEGAL MILITARY OCCUPATION BY SOUTH AFRICA.
RECALLING THAT PREVIOUSLY THE WESTERN FIVE HAD BEEN UNWILLING TO
INVOKE CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, KATJAVIVI
BELIEVES THERE ARE NOW SIGNS THAT THE WESTERN POWERS, NOT WHOLLY

CONVINCED OF VORSTER'S SINCERITY, ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER CHAPTER VII IF THE NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN. THE SAG'S PREMATURE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL IS NEITHER NEEDED OR WANTED BECAUSE HE IS A SYMBOL OF SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROL AND HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE SAG, NOT SWAPO AND THE U.N. THE ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT IT IS THE WESTERN FIVE'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN NAMIBIA WHICH HAVE MOVED THEM TO ATTEMPTS TO AVOID A PROLONGED RACIAL CONFRONTATION IN THE TERRITORY. SWAPO DEMANDS ELECTIONS UNDER THE U.N. BECAUSE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FIVE AND SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF SWAPO AND THE U.N. ARE NO MORE THAN A MANEUVER DIRECTED BY SOUTH AFRICA TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE PACE AND OUTCOME OF ANY CHANGE IN NAMIBIA. THE UN MUST BE ALLOWED TO EXERCISE ITS FULL AUTHORITY IN NAMIBIA AND U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385 MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. YET, "IF AN OPPORTUNITY ARISES FOR A GENUINE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, WE WOULD NOT LET IT GO BY. HOWEVER, SOUTH AFRICA'S GENUINENESS CAN ONLY BE MEASURED BY ITS WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE U.N."

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COMMENT: THE WHOLE TONE OF KATJAVIVI'S ARTICLE, WHILE HAMMERING HARD AT SWAPO'S CONDITIONS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, WAS QUITE CLOSE TO MUYONGO'S VIEWS ON SWAPO WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH THE FIVE (REFTEL). HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO DEFINITION OF WHAT SWAPO MEANS BY AN "EARLY" MEETING. IN THE ARTICLE THE ONLY SPECIFIC MENTION OF U.N. RESOLUTIONS WAS THAT TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION 385, NOTHING WAS MENTIONED ABOUT THE VARIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY SWAPO IN EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS.
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